

What is claimed is:

1. A portable cleaning apparatus for cleaning a surface comprising:

- a) a housing for movement along the cleaning surface;
- b) a solution distribution system mounted at least in part to said housing and

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a solution distributor operatively connected to said housing for distributing a cleaning solution onto the cleaning surface;

a first solution tank for holding the cleaning solution; and

a solid chemical containing a fragrance emitting substance provided in
10 said first solution tank.

2. The portable cleaning apparatus of claim 1 including a recovery system comprising:

a recovery tank mounted on the housing for holding recovered dirt and
15 the cleaning solution, a suction nozzle operatively connected to said housing and in fluid communication with said recovery tank for transporting the cleaning solution and dirt recovered from said cleaning surface to said recovery tank, a suction source in fluid communication with said suction nozzle and recovery tank for drawing the cleaning solution and dirt from the
20 cleaning surface through the suction nozzle and to the recovery tank.

3. The portable cleaning apparatus of claim 2 including a handle pivotally mounted to said housing.

25 4. The portable cleaning apparatus of claim 1 wherein said solid chemical further includes an effervescent substance.

5. The portable cleaning apparatus of claim 1 including a recovery system comprising:
a recovery tank mounted on the housing for holding recovered dirt and the
5 cleaning solution, a suction nozzle operatively connected to said housing and
in fluid communication with said recovery tank for transporting the cleaning
solution and dirt recovered from said cleaning surface to said recovery tank, a
suction source in fluid communication with said suction nozzle and recovery
tank for drawing the cleaning solution and dirt from the cleaning surface
10 through the suction nozzle and to the recovery tank.

6. The portable cleaning apparatus of claim 5 wherein said solid chemical is
composed of at least a bicarbonate substance and an acid.

15 7. The portable cleaning apparatus of claim 6 wherein said fragrance-emitting
substance includes one of a lavender, jasmine, and vanilla odor.

8. The portable cleaning apparatus of claim 5 wherein said solid chemical
includes a water-softener substance.

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9. The portable cleaning apparatus of claim 1 including a second solution
tank for holding detergent, and said first solution tank holding clean water.

10. The portable cleaning apparatus of claim 9 including a recovery system
25 comprising:
a recovery tank mounted on the housing for holding recovered dirt and the

cleaning solution, a suction nozzle operatively connected to said housing and in fluid communication with said recovery tank for transporting the cleaning solution and dirt recovered from said cleaning surface to said recovery tank, a suction source in fluid communication with said suction nozzle and recovery
5 tank for drawing the cleaning solution and dirt from the cleaning surface through the suction nozzle and to the recovery tank.

11. The portable cleaning apparatus of claim 10 wherein said solution distribution system includes an inlet in fluid communication with each of the
10 first and second solution tanks and an outlet in fluid communication with the distributor for distributing a mixture of detergent and water composed of said effervescent substance.

12. A portable cleaning apparatus for cleaning a surface comprising:
15 a) a housing for movement along the cleaning surface;
b) a solution distribution system mounted at least in part to said housing and comprising:
a solution distributor operatively connected to said housing for distributing a cleaning solution onto the cleaning surface;
20 a first solution tank for holding the cleaning solution; and
a body of a fragrance emitting substance combined with water-softener substance provided in said first solution tank.

13. The portable cleaning apparatus of claim 12 wherein said fragrance-emitting
25 substance includes one of a lavender, jasmine, and vanilla odor.

14. The portable cleaning apparatus of claim 12 wherein said body further includes an effervescent substance.

15. The portable cleaning apparatus of claim 12 wherein said body is
5 composed of at least a bicarbonate substance and an acid.

16. The portable cleaning apparatus of claim 12 including a second solution tank for holding detergent, and said first solution tank holding clean water.

10 17. The portable cleaning apparatus of claim 16 wherein said solution distribution system includes an inlet in fluid communication with each of the first and second solution tanks and an outlet in fluid communication with the distributor for distributing a mixture of detergent and water composed of said effervescent substance.

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18. The portable cleaning apparatus of claim 12 including a recovery system comprising:

a recovery tank mounted on the housing for holding recovered dirt and the cleaning solution, a suction nozzle operatively connected to said housing and
20 in fluid communication with said recovery tank for transporting the cleaning solution and dirt recovered from said cleaning surface to said recovery tank, a suction source in fluid communication with said suction nozzle and recovery tank for drawing the cleaning solution and dirt from the cleaning surface through the suction nozzle and to the recovery tank.

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19. A method for applying a fragrance emitting substance to a cleaning

surface comprising the steps of:

a) placing a solid chemical composed of the fragrance emitting substance into a first solution tank in an extraction cleaning machine which includes the solution tank;

5 b) placing a body of liquid in the solution tank to dissolve the solid chemical composed of fragrance emitting substance and emit the fragrance from the solid chemical;

c) providing a distributor operatively connected to said extraction cleaning machine for distributing a liquid onto the cleaning surface in fluid

10 communication with the first solution tank; and

d) distributing the liquid containing the dissolved solid chemical onto the cleaning surface through the distributor as the extraction cleaning machine is moved over the surface.

15 20. The method of claim 19 wherein the extraction cleaning machine further includes a recovery system for recovering dirt and liquid from the cleaning surface on which the liquid containing the dissolved solid chemical has been applied.

20 21. The method of claim 20 wherein the cleaning surface is a carpeted surface.

22. The method of claim 20 including a second solution tank for holding detergent, and said first solution tank holding clean water.

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23. The method of claim 22 wherein said solution distribution system

includes an inlet in fluid communication with each of the first and second solution tanks and an outlet in fluid communication with the distributor for distributing a mixture of detergent and water composed of said effervescent substance.

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24. The method of claim 20 wherein said fragrance emitting substance includes one of a lavender, jasmine, and vanilla odor.

25. The method of claim 20 wherein said body further includes a water-
10 softener substance.

26. The method of claim 20 wherein said body is composed of at least a bicarbonate substance and an acid.

15 27. The method of claim 20 wherein said body is composed of at least sodium bicarbonate, cornstarch, and citric acid.